Raksha Udyog Ratna

748. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some private companies have been identified as " Raksha Udyog Ratna" (RUR);

(b) if so, the name of those companies and the criterion for their selection;

(c) if not, whether Government are in the process of identifying such RURs for that purpose;

(d) whether any development fund is being created for helping such RURs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Defence Procurement Procedure ('Make' Category) notified recently as part of Defence Procurement Procedure-2006 has a provision for extending financial assistance for development projects under 'Make' category to Indian industries including RURs, Defence Public Sector Undertakings and Ordnance Factories.

Scaling Chaukhambha-1 top by Army Mountaineers

†749. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a mountaineering team of Indian Army had climbed Chaukhambha-1 top on 27th July, 2005;

(b) if so, how many of those mountaineers have not returned;

(c) the present status of their search; and

(d) the details in this regard?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) A mountaineering team of the Indian Army climbed Chaukhambha-1 peak on 27th and 29th August, 2005 in batches and not on 27th July, 2005.

(b) Six mountaineers of the mountaineering team have not returned till date.

(c) and (d) The last search-cum-rescue operation by mountaineers of the Indian Army was carried out from 6th September to 4th October, 2006. However, the missing mountaineers could not be traced. The operation had to be called off due to heavy snowfall; and danger of snow avalanches.

Rehabilitation for displaced on account of land acquisition by MoD

750. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Defence has formulated a comprehensive policy for rehabilitation of persons displaced on account of acquiring their lands by defence forces for their operational use;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Ministry has estimated the number of persons displaced on account of land acquisition by defence forces during the last three years; and

(e) what rehabilitation measures including compensation have been provided to the displaced?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (e) Ministry of Defence has adopted the National Policy on Resettlement and Rehabilitation for Project Affected Families - 2003, formulated by Ministry of Rural Development. This policy is a comprehensive policy and is applicable to the Projects displacing 500 families or more en-masse in plain areas and 250 families en-masse in Hilly areas, Desert Development Programme (DDP) Blocks, Areas mentioned in Schedule V and Schedule